Explanations from Employees of HAL, Lucknow

*498. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE .

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA .

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a Press Report which appeared in the 'Nav Bharat Times' dated the 4th October, 1987 to the effect that the HAL authorities at Lucknow have called for explanations from many of its employees, charging their use of Hindi as mis-conduct; and

(b) if so, what is Government's policy in this regard and the follow-up action taken in this case ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The factual position in respect of the Press Report captioned "Unki Nazar Mein Hindi Ka Prayog Durachar Hai" appearing in the New Delhi edition of 'Nav Bharat Times' dated 4th October, 1987, has been ascertained from M/s. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL). M/s HAL have reported that during the course of an agitation by the Diploma Holders' Association in their Lucknow Division, certain employees adopted go-slow tactics and started using self-coined and non-standard Hindi words in certain technical documents, with a view to creating confusion and disrupting the normal flow of production. Four employees persisted in the practice despite the advice of the management to write the documents in English in keeping with the prevailing practice. In order to overcome the situation, the management issued charge-sheets to these four employees, in August, 1986, asking them to explain why disciplinary action should not be taken against them. Unfortunately, the wording of the charge-sheets gives an erroneous impression that HAL management was against the use of Hindi in official work, which was totally unintended. Eventually, no disciplinary action was taken against any of these employees, as the agitation was soon withdrawn and normalcy restored.

M/s. HAL have, however, again been asked to conform faithfully to the policy of the Government relating to the use of official language and to avoid such mistakes in future.

Agreement to strengthen Indo-US Relations

*499. SHRI J P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an agreement to strengthen the Indo-US relations, between the Indian Prime Minister and the US President when the Indian Prime Minister visited United States in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps being contemplated to implement it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) No agreement was concluded during Prime Minister's recent visit to the United States.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Deadlock over on peace keeping operations

*500 SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Pakistan have stuck to their opposing view points on UN Peace Keeping operations, causing a deadlock in the special political committee of the UN General Assembly on the issue; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the outcome thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) A consensus resolution on the agenda